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(54) **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXECUTING A GUIDED PARAMETRIC SEARCH**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A process for identifying a single item from a family of items presents a user with a feature screen having a series of groupings. Each grouping represents a feature having a set of alternatives from which to select. Selected alternatives are used as a selection criteria in a search operation. Results of the search operation is a revised feature screen indicating alternatives that remain available to the user for further selection and searching. The feature screen and search process, therefore, presents the user with a guided nonhierarchical parametric search to identify matching items based upon user specified criteria and priorities. Also disclosed is an adaptation of the claimed method and system appropriate in an Internet environment

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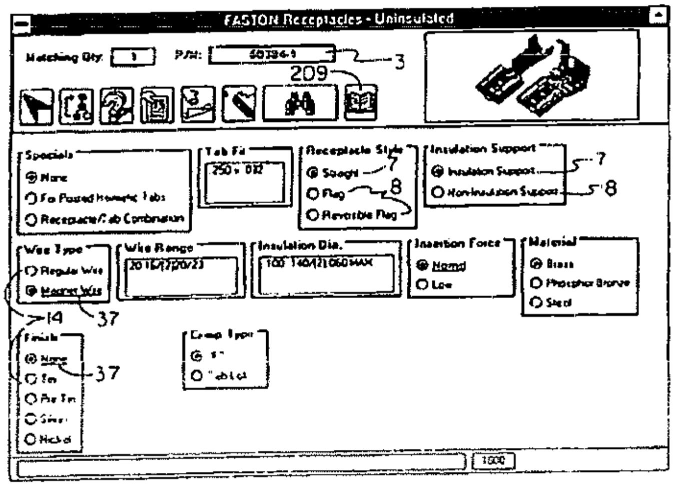

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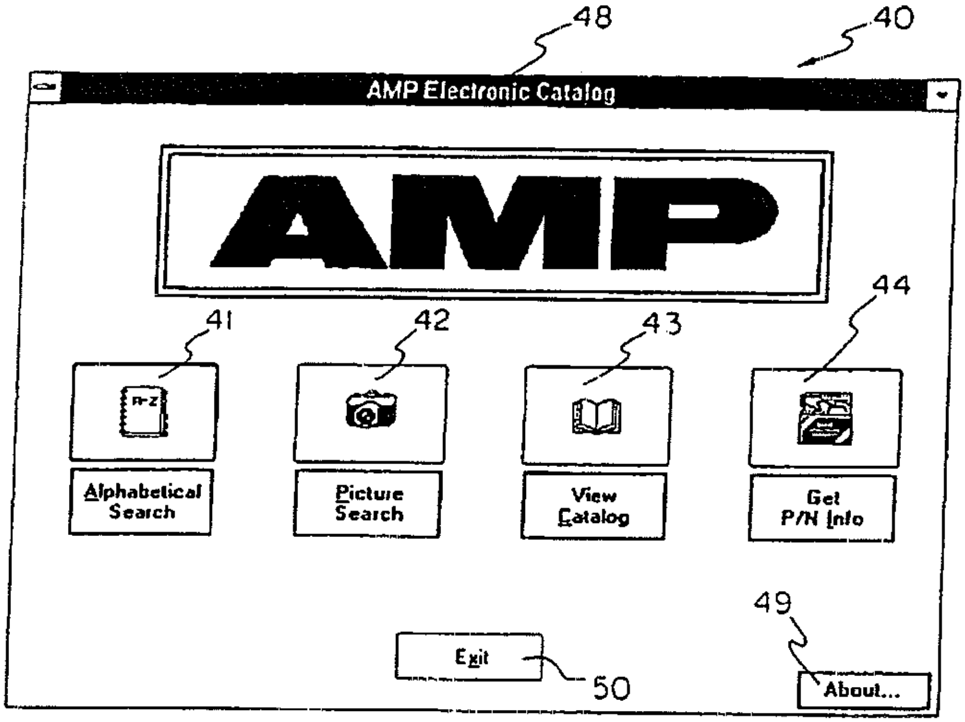
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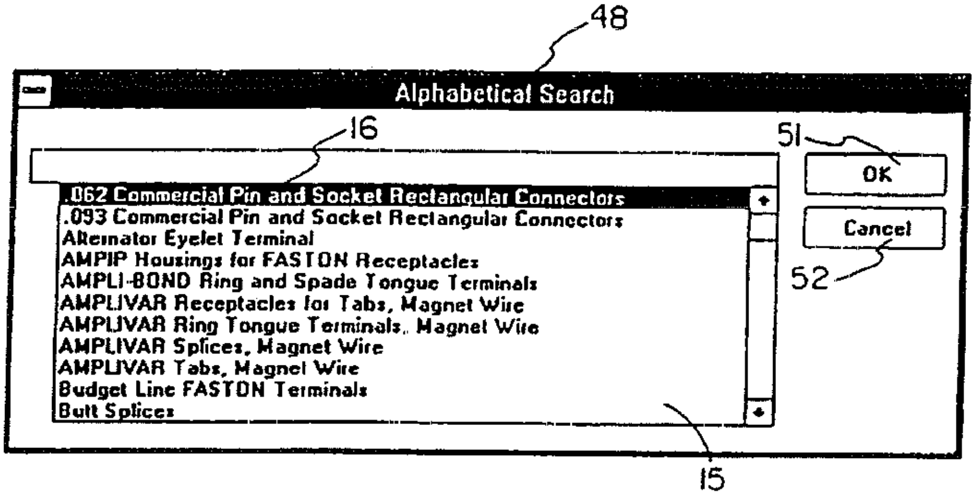
Fig. 1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AMPLIVAR Receptacles for Tabs, Magnet Wire
AMPLIVAR Ring Tongue Terminals, Magnet Wire
AMPLIVAR Splices, Magnet Wire
AMPLIVAR Tabs, Magnet Wire
Budget Line FASTON Terminals
Butt Splices
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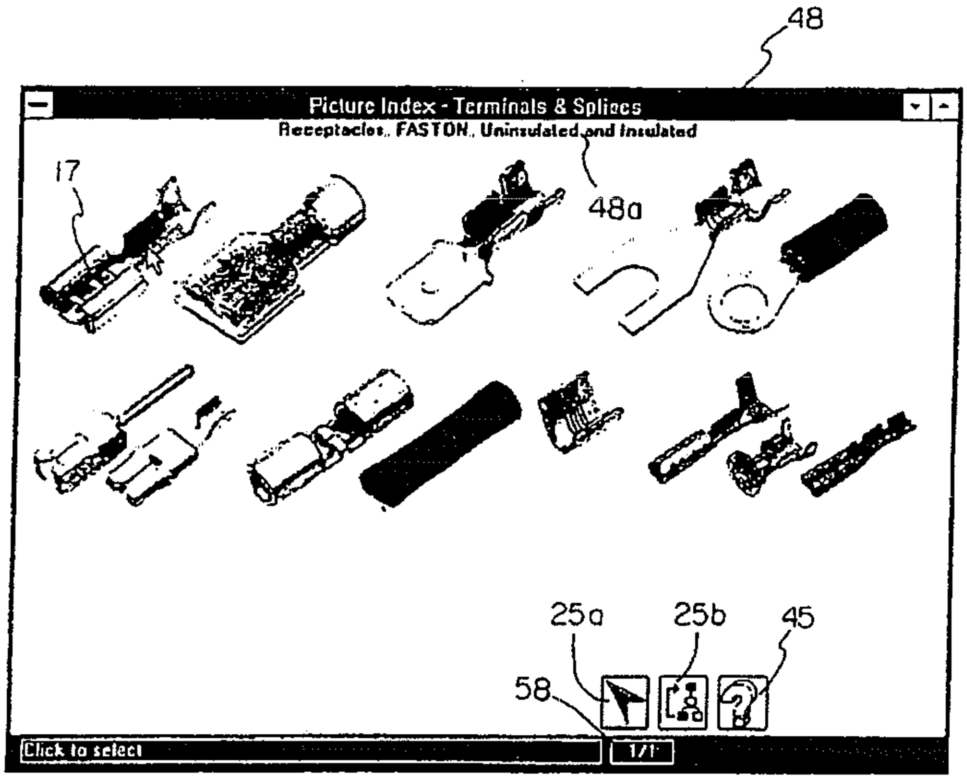
ALPHABETICAL SEARCH

Fig. 2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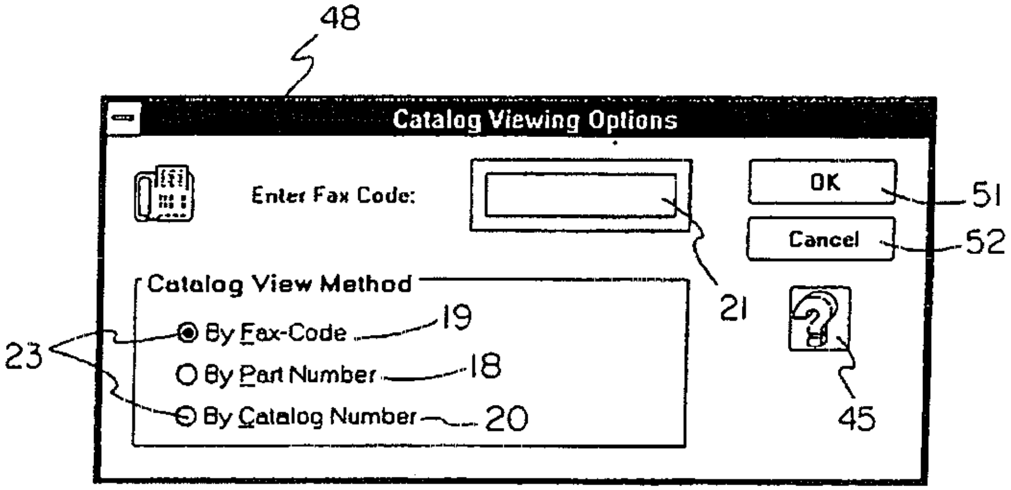
PICTURE SEARCH AND
SECOND LEVEL PICTURE SEARCH

Fig. 3



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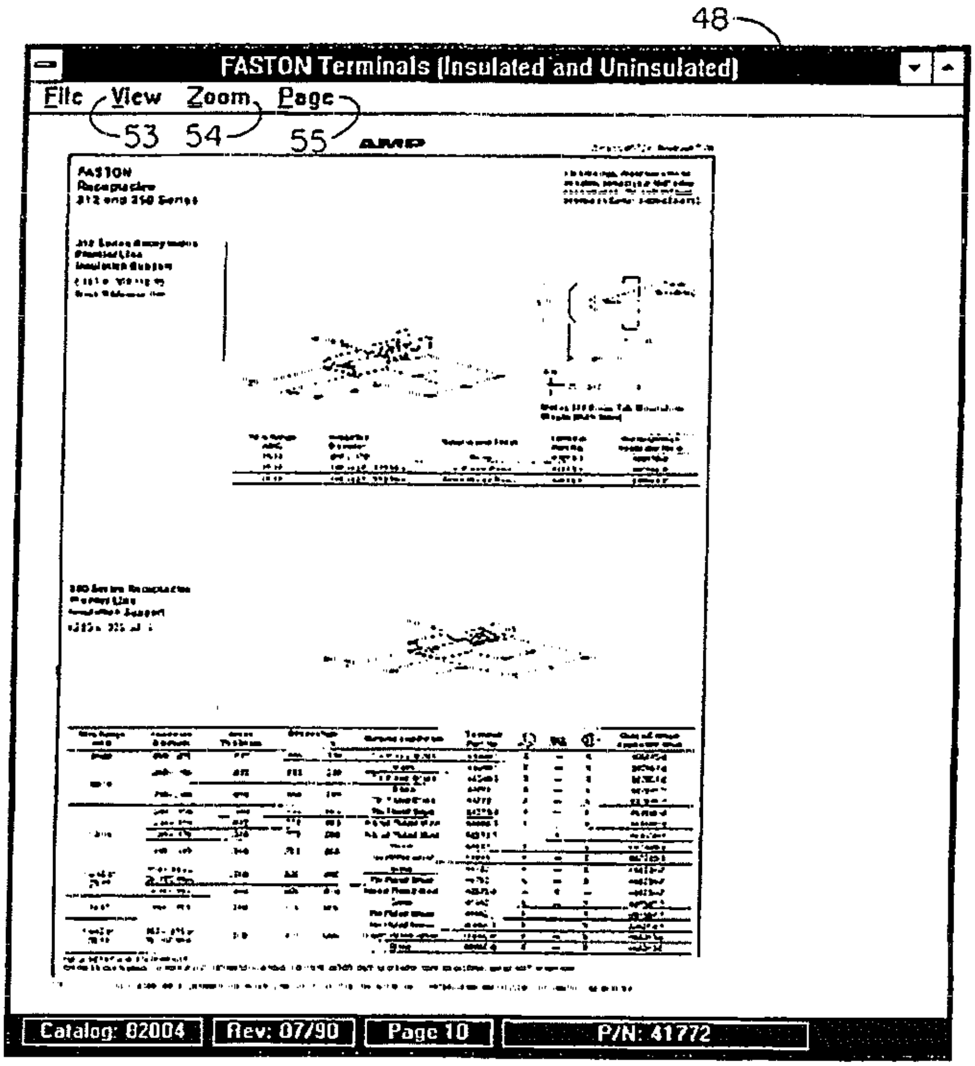
VIEW CATALOG PAGE

Fig. 4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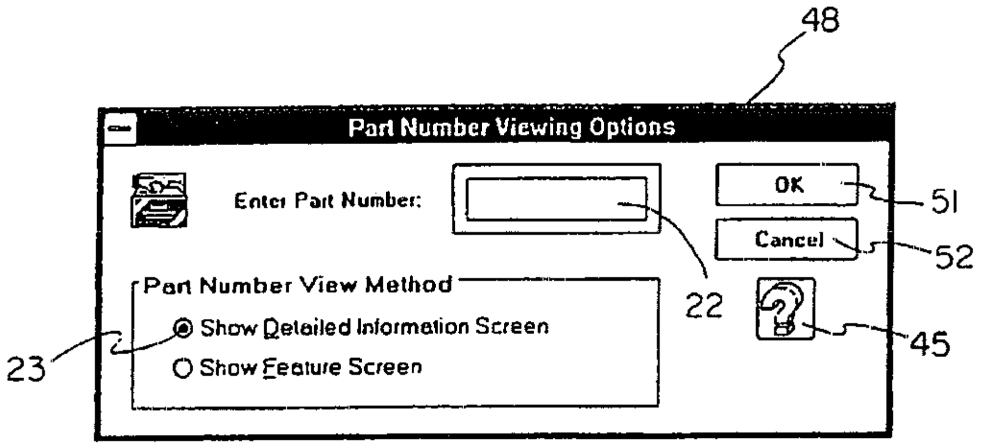
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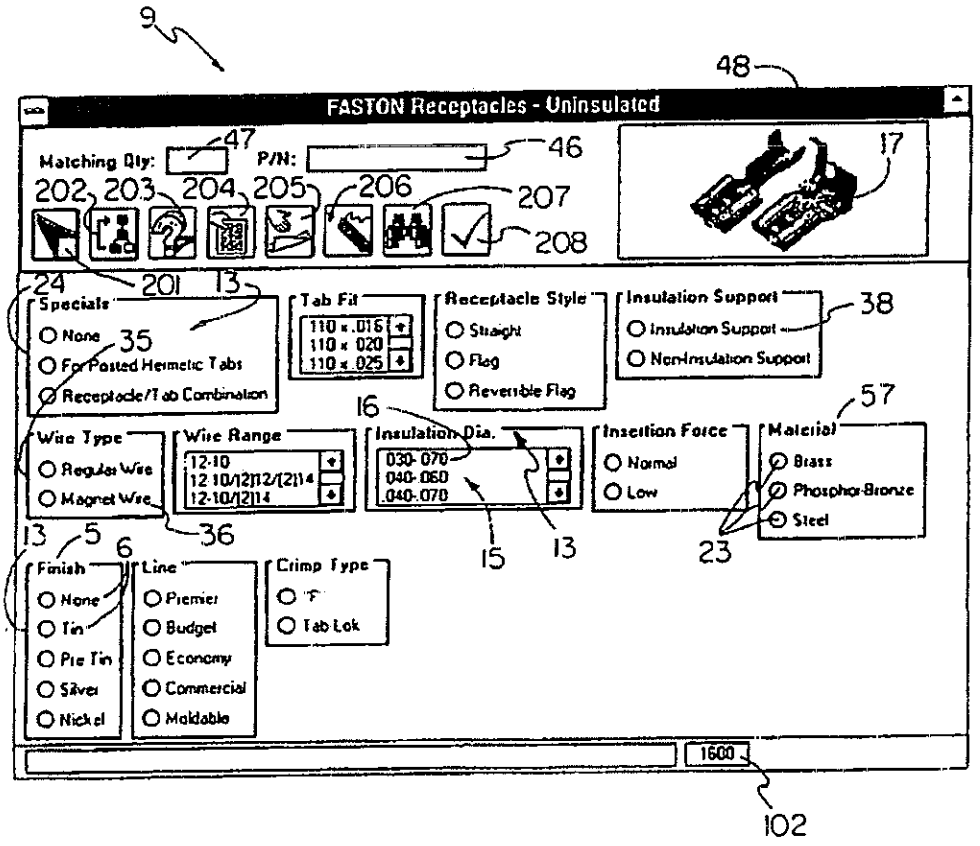
VIEW PART NUMBER INFORMATION

Fig. 6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P/N:
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201
13
Specials
None
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For Posted Hermetic Tabs
Receptacle/Tab Combination
Tab Fit
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110 x .020
110 x .025
Receptacle Style
Straight
Flag
Reversible Flag
Insulation Support
Insulation Support
Non-Insulation Support
38
57
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Wire Range
12-10
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Insertion Force
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Low
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Phosphor-Bronze
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5
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15
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Finish
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Tab Lok
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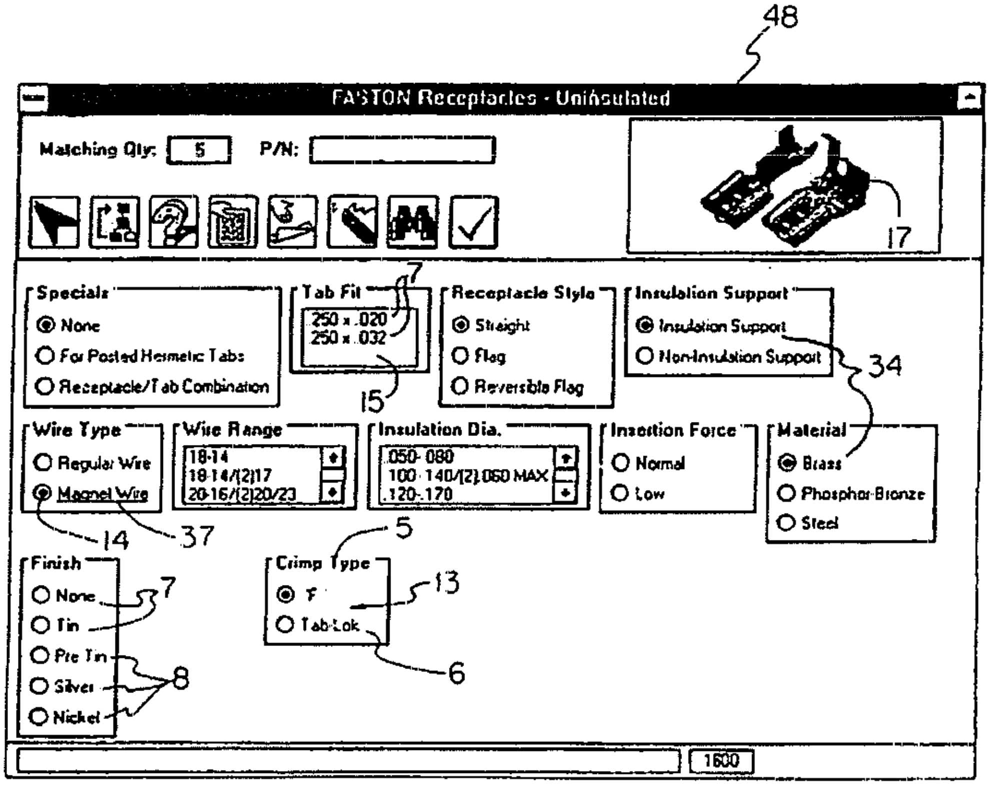
Fig. 7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Receptacle Style
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Flag
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Insulation Support
Insulation Support
Non-Insulation Support
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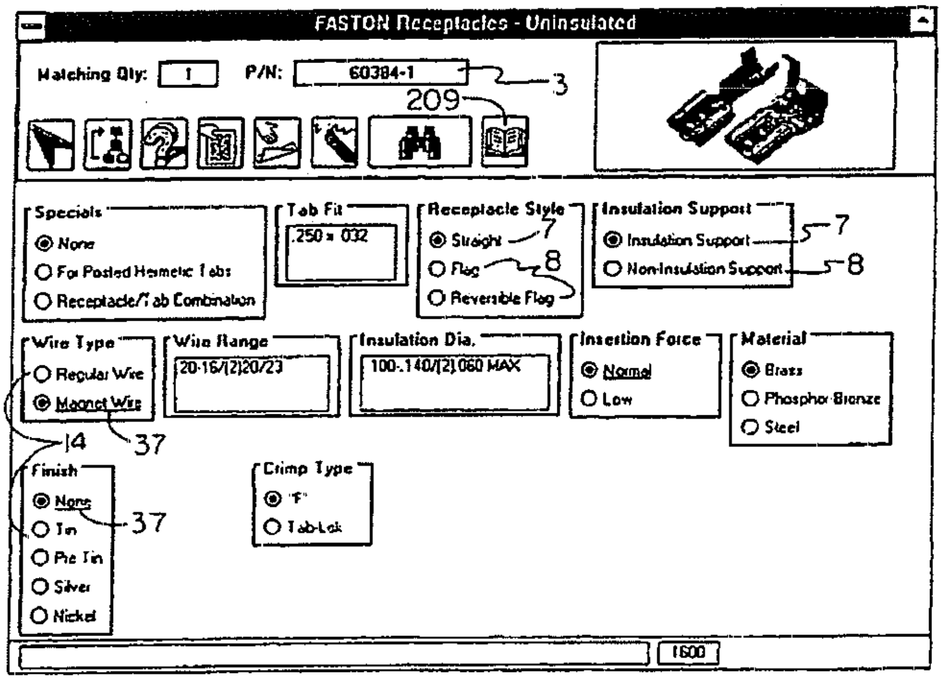
Fig. 8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Receptacle Style
Straight
Flag
Reversible Flag
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Insulation Support
Insulation Support
Non-Insulation Support
7
8
Wire Type
Regular Wire
Magnet Wire
Wire Range
20-16/(2)20/23
Insulation Dia.
100-.140/(2).060 MAX
Insertion Force
Normal
Low
Material
Brass
Phosphor Bronze
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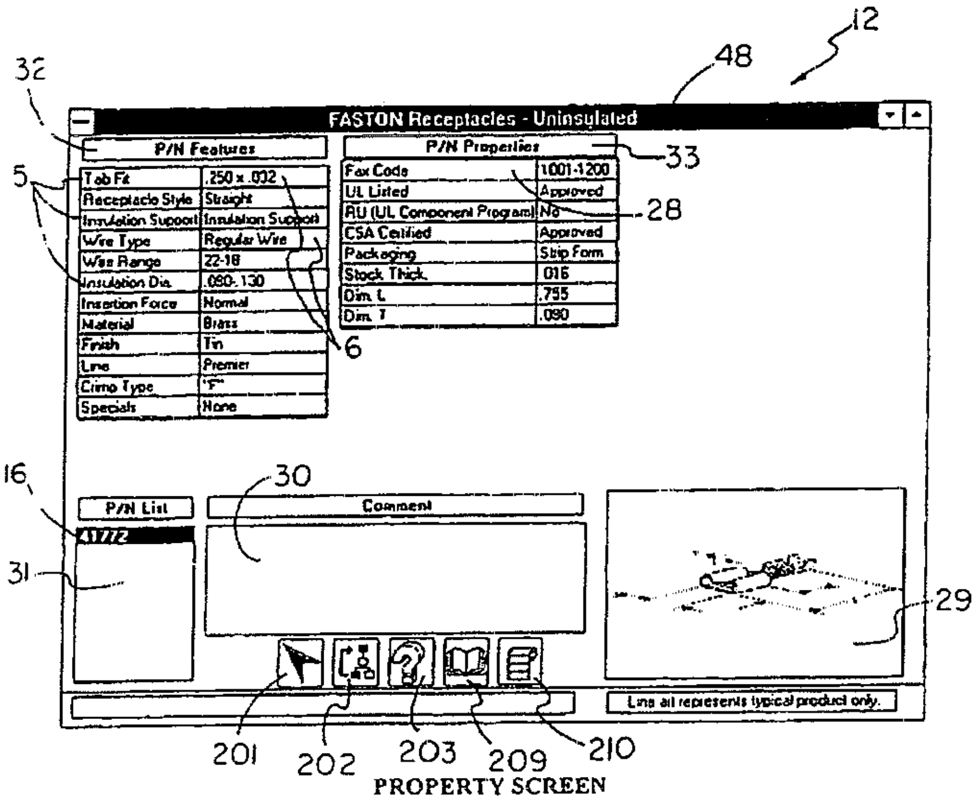
Fig. 9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Insulation Support
Wire Type
Regular Wire
Wire Range
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Material
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Finish
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Line
Premier
Crimp Type
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P/N List
Comment
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Line art represents typical product only.
201
202
203
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PROPERTY SCREEN

Fig. 10

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SCREEN TYPE (601)	SCREEN (602)	FEA. 1 (603)	FEA. 2	FEA. 3	FEA. 4	FEA. 5	FEA. 6	FEA. 7	FEA. 8	...	FEA. 15 (603)
F	1600	50	38	32	31	34	40	41	42		
P	1600	1001	1002	1003	1004	101	7	43	49		
F	1200	32	30	4	7	14	100				

Fig. 11

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FEATURE SCREEN (621)	GROUPING SEQUENCE (622)	SELECTION TYPE (623)	FEATURE (624)
1575	1	R	57
1575	2	R	58
1575	3	L	69

Fig. 13

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SCREEN (631)	FEATURE (632)	ALTERNATIVE SEQUENCE (633)	ALTERNATIVE (634)
1101	100	1	11
1101	100	2	7
1101	11	1	1
1101	11	2	2
1101	11	3	3

Fig. 14

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SCREEN (611)	ITEM (612)	ALT 1 (613)	ALT 2 (613)	ALT 3	ALT 4	ALT 5	ALT 6 (613)	...	ALT 15 (613)	LOCATE (614)
1600	63225-2	1	3	1	1	1	6			0160000000100003000 0100000100000100006
1600	62092-1	1	3	1	1	1	9			0160000000100003000 0100000100000100009
1600	61400-1	10	3	1		1	14			0160000001000003000 0100000000000100014
1600	61408-1	10	3	1		1	14			0160000001000003000 0100000000000100014
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1600										
1601										
1601										

A, 1, 2, 3

Fig. 12

641 642

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FEATURE	NAME
1	Material
2	Number of Positions
43	Stock Thickness
50	Tab Fit
57	Barrel Type
68	Wire Gauge
100	Color
1002	UL Listed

Fig. 15

691 692 693

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SCREEN TYPE	SCREEN	TITLE
Menu	100	FASTON Terminals
Feature	1005	FASTON Tabs
Feature	1575	FASTON Receptacles

Fig. 20

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FEATURE (651)	ALTERNATIVE (652)	NAME (653)
57	1	Open Barrel
57	3	Closed Barrel (PIDG)
68	18	18 AWG
100	1	Red
100	2	Blue
100	3	Green
100	4	Black
50	1	.312 x .032
50	2	.250 x .032
50	10	.110 x .020
50	11	.110 x .016
43	1	.010
43	2	.012
43	6	.016

Fig. 16

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SCREEN (661)	IMAGE FILE NAME (662)
1101	POSLOK
1151	FASTIN
1200	AMPIP

Fig. 17

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671 672 673

SCREEN	ITEM	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3	ALT 4	ALT 5	ALT 6	ALT 7	ALT 8	...	ALT 15
1600	63225-2	1						6			
1600	62092-1	1						6			
1600	61400-1	25	1	2	1	3		1	315		
1600	61408-1	25	1	2	1	3		1	315		

Fig. 18

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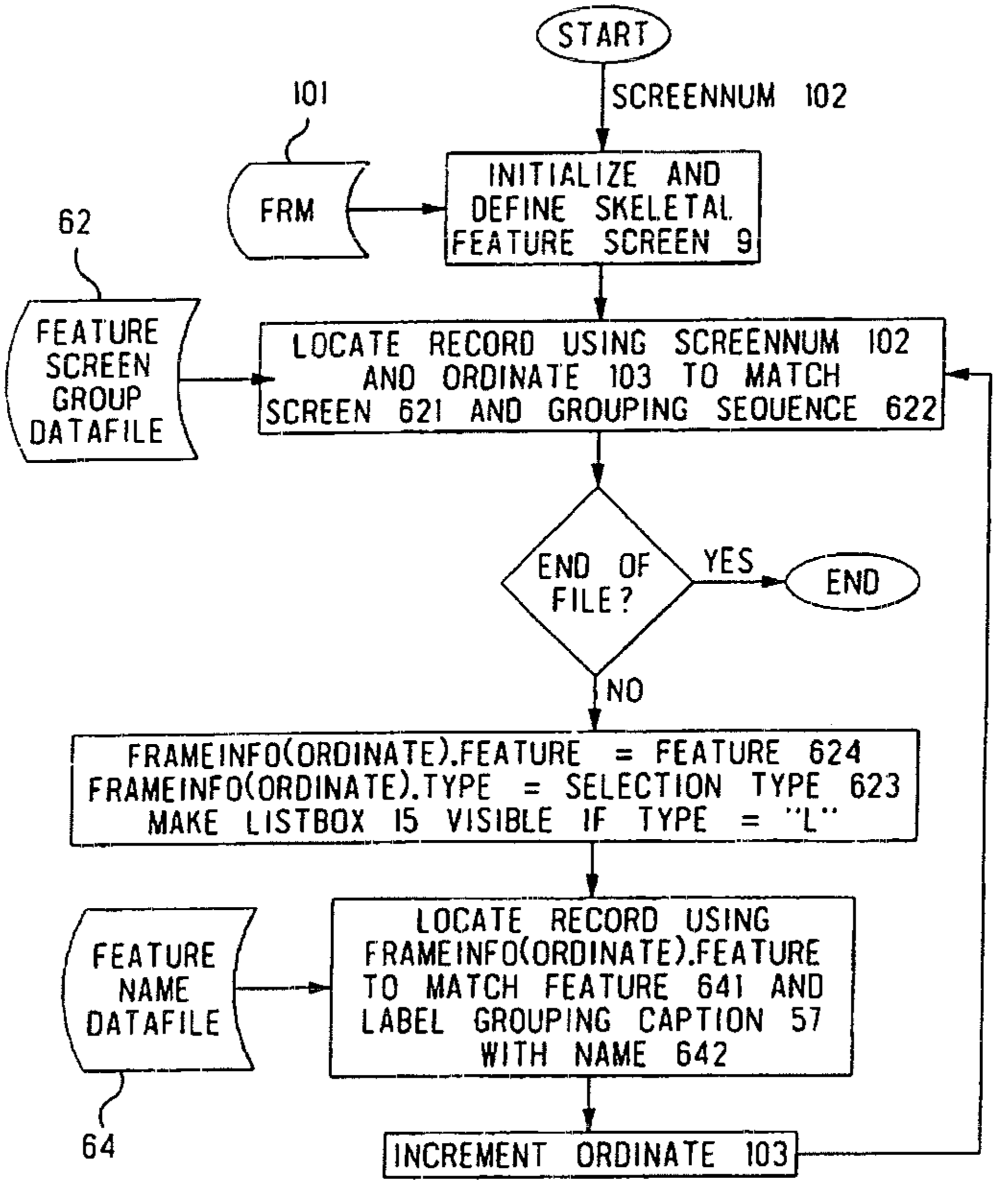
681 682 683

ITEM	COMMENT	IMAGE
62813-2	Left handed flag	FAST_11D
62814-1	Right handed flag	FAST_11D
61202-1	UL Listed and CSA Certified for 22 AWG	FAST_13A

Fig. 19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SCREENNUM 102
101
FRM
INITIALIZE AND DEFINE SKELETAL FEATURE SCREEN 9
62
FEATURE SCREEN GROUP DATAFILE
LOCATE RECORD USING SCREENNUM 102 AND ORDINATE 103 TO MATCH SCREEN 621 AND GROUPING SEQUENCE 622
END OF FILE?
YES
END
NO
FRAMEINFO(ORDINATE).FEATURE = FEATURE 624
FRAMEINFO(ORDINATE).TYPE = SELECTION TYPE 623
MAKE LISTBOX 15 VISIBLE IF TYPE = "L"
FEATURE NAME DATAFILE
LOCATE RECORD USING FRAMEINFO(ORDINATE).FEATURE TO MATCH FEATURE 641 AND LABEL GROUPING CAPTION 57 WITH NAME 642
64
INCREMENT ORDINATE 103

Fig. 21